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October 30, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2713

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION 40 GRANT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND
THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS
AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Accept three grants for a total of \$342,500 in Proposition 40 grant funds under the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program.
2. Approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to act as an agent for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District when conducting business with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy on any and all matters related to these grants, including executing the grant contracts and signing the requests for disbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On February 18, 2003, Synopsis Number 43, your Board approved our request to submit project applications and negotiate for grants under the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program.

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines to be followed in the acceptance of any State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to the departments carrying out the activities covered under the grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statements for two of these grants, Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse Project and Zone 1 Ditch Enhancement Project, are enclosed for your review.

The Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse Project proposes to modify the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds to create treatment wetlands, improve habitat and water quality, provide for groundwater recharge, and create passive recreational facilities. Funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, when combined with other project funding, will allow for preliminary design plans and the preparation of an environmental impact report for the project.

The Zone 1 Ditch Enhancement Project objectives are to increase the channel capacity, stabilize and restore the stream banks, enhance native habitat, and incorporate environmental education and low-impact recreational opportunities. Stream bank stabilization and restoration would be accomplished using bioengineering techniques, removing invasive vegetation, and revegetating with native plants. Funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, when combined with other project funding, will allow for preliminary engineering design and environmental documentation services.

The San Gabriel River Master Plan is currently being developed to identify opportunities for recreation, open space, and habitat enhancements along the San Gabriel River. One component involves developing a logo and signage plan to provide a sense of continuity along the River. Funding from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy will allow for graphic design services for a logo and signage plan to be incorporated into the Master Plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Organizational Effectiveness and Fiscal Responsibility because this grant would fund a portion of the total cost of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse Project, the Zone 1 Ditch Enhancement Project, and the San Gabriel River Master Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The first Proposition 40 grant of \$200,000 will be utilized to fund a portion of the estimated \$850,000 design and environmental documentation for the Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse Project. Other project funding is comprised of \$400,000 from the California Coastal Conservancy and \$250,000 from the Flood Control District Fund.

The design and environmental documentation services for the Zone 1 Ditch Enhancement Project are estimated at \$250,000. The second Proposition 40 grant will fund \$125,000. The Flood Control District Fund will be used to fund the remaining \$125,000.

The third Proposition 40 grant of \$17,500 will be utilized to fund the entire logo and signage plan design for the San Gabriel River Master Plan.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Management Statements for these grants have been prepared using the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Office and your Board.

Delegating authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to act as an agent for the County when conducting business with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy on items related to these grants will streamline the project delivery process. Your action will allow the grant agreements to be executed by the Director, or his designee, in his role as an agent for the County.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Acceptance of these grants is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act as it can be seen with certainty that the activities funded by these grants will not have a direct nor indirect impact on the environment. We will return to your Board with the appropriate environmental documentation prior to adopting plans and specifications for construction bids for any projects that result from these activities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works		
Grant Project Title and Description		
Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse Project – This project proposes to modify the Dominguez Gap Spreading Grounds to create treatment wetlands, improve habitat and water quality, provide for groundwater recharge, and create passive recreational facilities.		
Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy	Proposition 40	N/A
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$200,000		County Match: \$250,000
Grant Period: Two Years	Begin Date: 09-23-03	End Date: 09-23-05
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0	Full Time:	Part Time:
Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	N/A	
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	N/A	
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	No <u>X</u>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
Prop 13 CALFED Drinking Water Quality Program Grant, California Coastal Conservancy Work Plan		
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <u>X</u>	No
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:		
None.		
Other requirements not mentioned above:		
This grant funds the design and environmental documentation for this project. No ongoing funding is required.		

Department Head Signature _____ Date: _____

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works

Grant Project Title and Description

Zone 1 Ditch Enhancement Project –The project objectives are to increase the channel capacity, stabilize and restore the stream banks, enhance native habitat, and incorporate environmental education and low-impact recreational opportunities.

Funding Agency

Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition 40

Grant Acceptance Deadline

N/A

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$125,000

County Match: \$125,000

Grant Period:

Begin Date: 09-23-03

End Date: 06-30-06

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0

Full Time:

Part Time:

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	N/A	
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	N/A	
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes	No <u>X</u>
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a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes	No <u>X</u>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
Prop 13 Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program		
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <u>X</u>	No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature _____

Date: _____